



## October 2022 update

You have heard much about the efforts of our workgroups as we move through the strategic planning process. Their first tasks involved taking stock of our current status in all facets of parish life. The workgroups delved deeply into the activities and ministries of our parishes. Much work remains as St. Catherine joins this effort and we begin to turn our sights toward visioning for the future. Here is a 10,000-foot view of the specific areas of study for each workgroup.

### ***Our Community and Education Workgroup***

- Identified 12 outreach ministries currently serving parish members, the broader community, and our brothers and sisters in Honduras
- Studied the impact of 12 community-building gatherings and events
- Compiled demographic and programming elements of Northwest Catholic School with a focus on ways to connect the school with our parishes and the broader community

### ***Our Evangelization and Liturgy Workgroup***

- Identified seven distinct areas of evangelization and outreach serving all age demographics
- Reviewed all liturgical services from Masses to prayer services to special occasion blessings
- Reviewed training for liturgical ministers and communication regarding opportunities to serve

### ***Our Facilities and Finance Workgroup***

- Studied the parish budgets, including projections for future income and expenditures
- Completed a study of current facility square footage usage
- Began the initial stages of a visioning process to address deferred maintenance and possible facility upgrades to be determined in the final stages of the strategic planning process

We are so grateful to all of the volunteers who have served in all of these workgroups. They have given us a comprehensive, very clear picture of our starting point and the many ministries that are already in place at our parishes. Their work has put us in a very strong position to move forward successfully.

***“Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.”***  
Pope Saint John XXIII